Table. Copies of the report of the Tanadar, explanation of the Plantation Ranger and the final orders of th e Divisional Forest Officer, Southern Division, in the matter are placed on the Council Table.

Repair of the Pazhanji-Akkikavu Road.

647. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government against the contractor for the default on his part to repair the Pazhanji-Akkikavu road;

(b) on what date the contract was given to him and on what date the Government came to know of the default of the contractor;

(c) what is the arrangement now made for completing the work and when was it made;

(d) who is the present contractor, if there is any;

(e) what steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The contract was cancelled.

(b) The agreement was executed by the contractor on the 7th Meenam 1103.

On receipt of the Chief Engineer's letter C. No. 4009/1103 dated 1st November 1928.

(c) After the contract was cancelled, fresh tenders were called for by the Chief Engineer and, as a result, the work is entrusted to Mr. V. Kunjunni Menon for completing the unfinished portion.

(d) Mr. V. Kunjunni Menon.

(e) Steps mentioned in sub-division (c).

Liquor shops in Pazhanji and Kattakampal villages.

648. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many liquor shops there are in the Pazhanji and Kattakampal villages;

(b) what is the distance between each of them;

(c) what is the distance from each of the two Primary Schools to the toddy shops nearest to them in the Pazhanji village;

(d) what is the distance from the toddy shop in Pazhanji village to the nearest Syrian Church;

(e) whether from the beginning of next year the liquor shop referred to above will be located far away from the church and school?

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Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) There are 2 shops (1 arrack and 1 toddy) in the Pazhanji village and two toddy shops in the Kattakampal village one in Kattakampal and one in Pyngamuk.

(b) The distance from Pyngamuk toddy shop to the Kattakampal toddy shop is about 1 mile, that from Pyngamuk toddy shop to Pazhanji toddy and arrack shops is about 1 mile and a half. The distance from the Kattakampal toddy shop to Pazhanji toddy shop is about 4 furlongs and that to the Pazhanji arrack shop is 3 furlongs. The distance between the toddy and arrack shops of Pazhanji is about 1½ furlongs.

(c) The distance from each of the Primary Schools to the Pazhanji toddy shop is about ¾ of a furlong and one furlong respectively.

(d) ¼ of a furlong to the compound wall of the church.

(e) Its location at a less objectionable site next year is being considered.

Action against the Assistant Engineer.

649. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the Narakkal Canal referred to in question No. 268 of this session?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The matter has not been finally disposed of.

Stipends to students of the Rural Industrial School, Puduruthy.

650. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a complaint that stipends to some students in the Rural Industrial School, Puduruthy, were not paid for Kumbham 1103;

if so, was there any enquiry in the matter and what was the report of the Inspector, Mr. Thirumalachar, about this; from whom were statements recorded and what were they;

and what were the final orders in the matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was a complaint about irregularities in the drawing and disbursing of stipends.

Yes, by the late Inspector, Mr. Thirumalachar. He was not in a position to give a definite opinion but suspected laxity on the part of the staff. Statements were taken from half a dozen people whose names cannot be published for various reasons.

The final orders were that the teachers concerned should be warned and an amount of Rs. 4—7—8, which was said to have been disbursed to pupils, should be recovered from the

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